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LETTER DATED 17 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of fresh violations by the Iranian side of the cease-fire violations and the terms governing the area of separation between the two countries during the period from 4 June to 14 July 1993.

1. At 1905 hours on 4 June 1993, five men from the Iranian side were seen setting up two black flags in front of the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 517506 inside the area of separation.

2. At 2040 hours on 21 June 1993, the Iranian side proceeded to reinforce its units in the Kishk area at geographical coordinates 905295 with 15 men armed with light weapons.

3. At 0940 hours on 22 June 1993, nine Iranian soldiers were seen opposite our units, firing towards the rear, in front of the Wahb guard post at geographical coordinates 6629 inside the area of separation.

4. At 0600 hours on 22 June 1993, the Iranian side laid an ambush on the extension road leading to the Darraji guard post, 5 kilometres to the left of the above-mentioned guard post, and opened fire with a Kalashnikov on a water-tanker. Twelve shots were fired at the vehicle.

5. At 0900 hours on 27 June 1993, the Iranian side fired an 81-mm mortar shell that fell at geographical coordinates 470543 north of the Sumud guard post inside Iraqi territory.

6. At 0920 hours on 28 June 1993, eight soldiers from the Iranian side were seen strengthening the positions at geographical coordinates 503533 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

7. At 0100 hours on 29 June 1993, an Iranian fibreglass boat with six Iranian men wearing mufti and carrying revolvers crossed the thalweg line near our bank of the Shatt al-Arab in the Shahiniyah area at geographical coordinates 60650 and passed near to the Iraqi fishing boats in the area between Shahiniyah and Ma'amir. They proceeded to interrogate the fishermen about military and economic matters. The boat then returned to the Iranian side facing Ma'amir.

8. At 1900 hours on 29 June 1993, the research vessel Ulum belonging to the Centre for Marine Sciences, while engaged in a scientific expedition, was exposed to four shots from a light rifle from the Iranian side opposite Faw. This occurred while the vessel's scientific team was taking samples of the river water.

9. At 1250 hours on 3 July 1993, a group of about nine men from the Iranian side erected barbed wire around the communications station at geographical coordinates 503533 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

10. At 1105 hours on 9 July 1993, a group of about 12 Iranian soldiers proceeded to strengthen the positions at geographical coordinates 517506 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

11. At 0930 hours on 14 July 1993, a group of about 11 soldiers from the Iranian side were seen building a position of blocks at geographical coordinates 514501 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

12. At 0930 hours on 14 July 1993, a group of about 15 men from the Iranian side were seen erecting barbed wire around the Iranian post opposite our units at geographical coordinates 4256 inside the area of separation.

13. At 0940 hours on 14 July 1993, five Iranian soldiers were seen reinforcing an old position at geographical coordinates 512512 in front of the Fakkah guard post inside the area of separation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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